

REMARKS

Examiner Interview

Applicant's counsel requests an interview with the Examiner when this response is taken up for review. Counsel's contact information is set forth below.

Amendments

Revisions to the Drawings

Applicant has amended Figure 5 to add reference numbers that were inadvertently omitted when the formal drawings were mailed on June 19, 2001. The reference numbers were present in the original drawings filed with the application on January 26, 2001.

Amendments to the Claims

Applicant has cancelled all the originally filed claims and is submitting new claims that more particularly point out what Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added as a result of the new claims as the claimed subject matter is described in the Specification as filed.

Rejections

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-35

Claims 1-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by CEA-775A DTV 1394 Interface Specification. Applicant does not admit that 775A is prior art and reserves the right to swear behind the reference at a later date.

Because claims 1-35 have been cancelled the rejection is moot.

New Claims 36-39

775A sets forth the standard requirements to interface an audio/video source, such as a set-top box, with a digital television through an IEEE 1394 connection. The audio/video source controls the audio/video data, such as an MPEG video stream, that sent to the digital television. The digital television exchanges control and status data with

the audio/video source according to the AV/C Digital Command Interface protocol. However, 775A does not specify the communication protocol used by the modules within the audio/video source. Moreover, 775A discloses only certain functions that are controlled by the audio/video source: on-screen display, connection management, and audio/video data selection.

In new claims 36-39, Applicant claims the use of a home network protocol that is neither taught nor suggested in 775A. Furthermore, Applicant claims a particular arrangement and operation of modules in new claims 36-37, and functions in new claims 38-39, that are not taught or suggested in 775A.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the invention claimed in new claims 36-39 is not anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102 by 775A.

SUMMARY

Claims 36-39 are currently pending. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Sue Holloway at (408) 720-8300 x309.

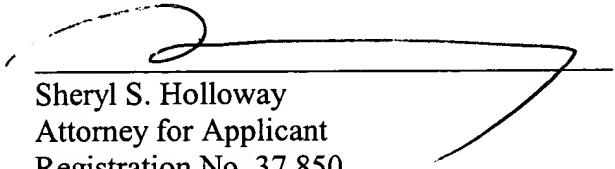
Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Drawings

The attached sheet of drawings include changes to Figure 5. This sheet replaces the original sheet, including Figure 5.